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For the smoothness with which the play progressed the warmest congratulations are due Mr. C. W. McInnis, the stage manager, who after long and arduous toil has brought the company to its present state of perfection. The special scenery was designed by Mr. W. A. Irwin and the electric effects by the Northwest Electric Company. Both served to add not a little to the striking character of the production.

The officers of the Pythian Dramatic Club, to whose initiative the

production is due, are to be congratulated. On two grounds it is to be hoped that when the production is repeated on Friday and Saturday evenings, the hall will be crowded to the doors. The efforts of the members of the company, as fellow citizens, are worthy of support. In the second place when so much that is frothy and frivolous is presented on the stage, all who recognize the great uses to which the drama can be devoted should unite in showing their appreciation of a play, which is in keeping with the very best traditions of histrionic art, especially when it is presented by a capable and painstaking organization such as the Pythian players have proved themselves to be.

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forth? There was no doubt that they suffered, but would it have been the part of wisdom to prohibit the use of threshing machines? In all such questions, statesmen have to take the long look and see the effect of changes apart from the abnormal conditions which they temporarily produce. But the difficulty of inducing the public to do so is the main obstacle in the path of all reform.

The answer which Mr. Roosevelt made to his critics in a speech at Washington the other day should go down in history: "There has been trouble," he said, "in the stock market, in the high financial world, during the past few months. The statement has frequently been made that the policies for which I stand, legislative and executive, are responsible for that trouble. 'Now, gentlemen, these policies of mine can be summed up in one brief sentence. They represent the

effort to punish successful dishonesty.

"I doubt if these policies have had any material effect in bringing about the present trouble, but if they have it will not alter in the slightest degree my determination that for the remaining sixteen months of my term these policies shall be persevered in unwaveringly. . . . It is impossible to cut out a cancer without making the patient feel for a few days rather sicker than he felt before."

It is in such men that the hope of democracy lies.

In the course of one of his letters to Mayor Griesbach on the street railway question, Mayor [Mills] of Strathcona spoke of the decision of the council of that city to submit the proposed franchise to the ratepayers. He had favored this course, he declared, "because the people are

always right." We don't often hear this doctrine of vox populi, vox dei, that used to find so much favor, stated so unreservedly nowadays. The reason we fear is that very few people share the old-time faith in democracy that the worthy mayor still adheres to. While we believe that there is no superior to the democratic form of government it is hard to see how anyone can fail to note its imperfections. One cannot read the history of the past century or even look back into his own experience without realizing that the people are often wrong, very wrong. It is not difficult for the clever politician to play upon their prejudices and their other weaknesses. He may not do it more than once or twice, for in the face of results they soon recover their senses, but a short while after he has disappeared from the stage, another man of his character will repeat his performance. This is not written in any spirit of pessimism;

we do not see how it could have been otherwise. It is surely unreasonable to expect that the mere act of giving political power to a people should make them capable of exercising it to the best advantage. In all democracies a long period of political education has to be passed through before we realize the full benefits of the system and it is the part of every good citizen to use all his influence in aiding this process. The worst public enemy is the man of brains, who uses his talents for the promulgation of false ideas. Democracy needs good leadership and it is a matter for the most sincere congratulation when men with a due sense of their responsibility get to the top.

A spirited contest is in prospect for the Edmonton mayoralty. In response to a largely-signed petition Mr. John A. McDougall has consented to be a candidate, while Ald. Picard, following an open letter, addressed to him, by Mayor Griesbach, urging him to stand, has announced his willingness to do so. Ex-ald. Thomas Bellamy, whom the present occupant of the post defeated a year ago has also come out with a letter supporting Ald. Picard. Both his nominator and second point out that his long experience at the council, covering a period of twelve years, should serve him in excellent stead as the head of the municipality. Both refer to the fact that the worthy alderman finds it somewhat difficult to express himself in the English language and state it as their belief that this should be no great disadvantage. But The Saturday News is convinced that this is a very serious objection to Ald. Picard's candidature. For him, both on the strength of his personality and on that of his record at the council, it has nothing but respect. Nor does it share in any degree any feeling of race prejudice. The greatest living Canadian of the day is of the same ancestry as Ald. Picard and among the natives of the province of Quebec are to be found those who are filling the most useful places in our public life. But does anyone believe that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be the successful premier that he is if he had not perfect command of the English language? Or could Mr. Lemieux or Mr. Borden or Mr. Monk or Mr. Bergeron accomplish what they have without it? And their work is largely done under conditions, where for a considerable portion of the time they are speaking French. But how often could French be used in the transaction of official business in Edmonton? Even as an ordinary member of the council, Ald. Picard could have done much more effective work but for this impediment. In the mayor's chair it would be a much more serious matter.

Strathcona carried the bylaw granting a franchise to the Strathcona Radial Tramway Co. by a majority of over 500. The result is very regrettable for more than one reason. It complicates the situation in regard to interurban transportation facilities and will probably delay by several years the institution of a satisfactory service. Having parted with its franchise, we feel certain that the neighboring municipality will not long be free from the evils that others have suffered from at the hands of corporations controlling so valuable a privilege. But what The Saturday News deplores most of all is the unwillingness shown by the people across the river to co-operate with those of Edmonton in a matter in which they had common interests, which could be best served by their acting together.

The visit of the 100,000 Club of Calgary to Edmonton on Thanksgiving Day was a notable event. The day was spent quietly but not on that account less pleasantly or profitably. The relations of the two cities were never better and what the Calgary Albertan says in an article, reproduced in another part of this issue, is most significant. The idea (Continued on page 4)

forgot that there was an office far down town where such things were arranged for, they even forgot to cross the lady's palm with a ticket and so they departed, while the woman went slowly back to her work to ponder on how to make a living, though in the newspaper business.

But all this time the paper lady was really interested in their concert scheme and one day while polishing up her magic mirror, mentioned the fact, and not only that—but took time and trouble making out a list of names and addresses for the celebrated musicians, which should bring patronage and consequent silver into the coffers of the organization.

Now during all this time the paper lady never doubted but that in good time these artist folk would seek out her paper and advertise with it, or leave the usual press tickets at the business office. But the day of the performance arrived and went and still no ticket—and so no notice.

And so it came about that other people—many many others—began to bother this poor paper lady for notices here and notices there until she grew very weary and one day barked—uttering a feeble "personal protest" that no more men with dreamy eyes and musical soundings and no more people together—no names mentioned—disturb the serenity of her peace of mind by demanding of her gratis what represented her bread and butter, not to mention cake and other sweet morsels for which she had a fondness.

But it so fell out that these concert folks' consciences pricked them—the feeble protest they took to themselves, and on Monday, being very, very, wroth and feeling a trifle facetious, they mailed the lady, the slip that follows:

Edmonton, October, 20th.
Herein inclosed a bill with the best thanks from the "Beggars".
1. To promote concerts
2. For long advanced notices asked the Sept. 14th and Saturday News space
3. 27 names of influential persons to see \$20.

And enclosed a cheque for twenty dollars.

Twenty dollars to a poor quill driver who had been getting used to giving everything she had away without money and without tickets. For a long time the paper lady sat and toyed with the cheque. She had heard of politicians being given "hush money" and being otherwise "approached" and she felt very important to think that she had arrived at some such dignity; but while she hesitated as to whether to buy a smart new hat just to give these twenty dollar jokers the price of their fun for a whole long winter, she was not finally lost, the evening's mail carrying back a letter from her business office with the little yellow slip enclosed.

The paper lady knew a better trick than losing her temper you see.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The payment of the world goes by!
For you, for you, I pause and con-
A Stander-By.

The interest in golf is far from abating, since the recent tourney it seems only to have taken on fresh zest. On Saturday a jolly crowd of enthusiasts put in the day at the links, which by the way was an ideal one. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Mr. Pardee, Mr. Justice Scott, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Seton, Mrs. St. George Jellett, Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. Dryden, Mrs. Farquharson, Mrs. Brathwaite, Mr. Rolt, Mr. Ross Palmer, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Trainger and many others gained the rounds and coming in at the tea hour for a chat and a cup of the most refreshing brew yet discovered. Mrs. Bishop was the hostess of the afternoon serving tea and delicious refreshments from a table prettily done in bright scarlet geraniums. Miss Viva Sommerville was a most attentive assistant.

Mrs. Beck entertains at the tea hour on Saturday.

Mrs. Marriott, mother of Mr. Marriott, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Strathcona, is visiting her son.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Milton Martin of Edmonton to Miss Beatrice Beck, eldest daughter of Mr. Justice Beck.

While everyone has apparently been more than busy during the past week no ambitious social undertakings seem to have been ventured on, people contenting themselves with quiet little dinners with only a guest or two to swell the family circle, and a game of bridge following. To give a small dinner well has always seemed to me the goal at which every hostess who is at all ambitious should aim—it is the most enjoyable form of entertaining, bringing the stranger to the board to the very heart of the family circle and making him or her "at home" at once; something the so-called "at home" or reception never does. Indeed I could tell you many interesting facts about the way the average person views an invitation to a "crush" tea which would give many hostesses pause if they could hear the question discussed, and consider the expense involved.

At the formal opening of the Y.W.C.A. on Friday evening last, I heard that Mrs. Bulyea made the speech of her life. "She spoke," said one of her hearers, "as if every word she uttered she made from the bottom of her heart, as if the cause of the Young Women's Christian Association was very dear to her and as if she had carefully prepared every thought she gave voice to." What greater praise could one desire?

The opening reception altogether was of that hearty spontaneous nature that augurs for a future of magnificent results. Everyone has apparently done what they could and it now only remains to be hoped that the good work launched with so much promise may go steadily on.

Of all the entertaining attempted this season Mrs. Pardee's dance for her friend, Miss Gooderham of Toronto, on Friday night stands out pre-eminently as the most brilliant and memorable event in the social calendar. Not merely because it was given in the smartest quarters (in town for the purpose, and that the guests numbered the prettiest and most popular of the younger set, the handsomest men, and such a number of them, but because the mise en scene as the partners passed to and fro in the fine spacious rooms struck you as reminiscent of a dance given in one of the aristocratic old city centres rather than in an infant city such as Edmonton. I heard the same remark in many quarters.

"I really never realized what a remarkably large number of lovely women and fine looking men there were in town," said one man, "why there's not a mediocre looking person in the room."

And indeed it was true, in and out among the merry throng one caught glimpses of beautiful women in sumptuous robes, laughing girls in dainty frilly frocks, and the stalwart forms of men who are not too old to enjoy "Dream Faces" or the fascinating lilt of the popular two-steps. And for those who preferred a quiet rubber at whilst the handsome cheery dining room formed an ideal retreat, many of the younger set also stealing away there to watch the pretty scene.

Above stairs were any number of cosy nooks where parties of two could sit out a dance and enjoy a quiet chat, while the stairs were at all times the happy hunting grounds of merry circles.

Mr. and Mrs. Pardee and the guest of the evening received at the entrance to the first drawing room, the host giving everyone a hearty greeting on their arrival which Mrs. Pardee, looking very graceful in a robe of soft creamy lace, charmingly seconded. Miss Gooderham, whom to meet is to instantly like, never looked more attractive, her exquisite gown of peach bloom brocaded satin with finely real lace bertha, and a jewelled diadem in her coiffure, setting off to perfection her fine face and graceful figure.

Mrs. Mowat, always a centre of attraction, was beautifully frocked in a handsome black sequinned robe, over white tulle with a stunning feather shoulder ruff. Mrs. Percy Gray, very radiant in pretty and petite in white point d'esprit made very simply over white tulle.

Among the other guests I noticed Mrs. Cross in an exquisite creation of white chiffon satin, with a stunning bertha of seed pearls and hand embroidery, a wreath of green leaves in her hair. Mrs. Woods, who looked strikingly handsome in a rich robe of black sequins, her hair beautifully dressed; Mrs. Biggar a fetching little figure in a gown of heavy white liberty satin with rare old lace and acordion pleated chiffon made empire fashion; her guest, Miss Whitney who was besieged with congratulations, looking very sweet and fair in shimmering white erpe de chine, with quantities of exquisite baby Irish lace, a lovely frock; Miss Gray, Mrs. Anderson's guest, a brilliant electric girl, very chic and piquante in white chiffon tulle, beautifully fashioned, a wreath of green foliage in her dark hair.

Mrs. C. Hildner, one of the most distinguished looking women present, in the softest grey satin, her lovely hair beautifully dressed; Mrs. Hildner in dainty white, looking every pretty; Mrs. MacMahon much admired in the same tone; Miss Supple in pale blue chiffon, a graceful dancer, and a decided belle; Miss Eleanor Taylor, very pretty in white point d'esprit; Madame Thibaudau in handsome white satin; Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Anderson's guest, in a dainty girlish frock of pale pink crepe, looking very well indeed; Miss Marjorie Brown in a dainty yellow figured organdie with high yellow girle, seemingly having a lovely time and looking very pretty; Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Swaisland in the loveliest embroidered white chiffon over the softest white satin, with exquisite gold sequin garniture, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Ewing and many others.

Mrs. Goldwin Kirkpatrick, about whom so much anxiety has been felt during her very severe illness of the past two weeks is happily reported doing very nicely at the time of writing and hopes are held out of a speedy convalescence.

Thursday was a dream of an Autumn day—the loveliest sunshine and just enough wind to clear the cobwebs off one's brain, and Mrs. Bishop.

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For
Ladies

WINDOW SALE

For
Gentlemen

Saturday evening from 7-30 until 9 o'clock we will sell from our Jasper Avenue window only Choice Bon-Bons in one pound boxes at 15c. per box.

The candies we will sell at 15c. Saturday evening sell regularly at from 35c. to 60c. per pound and are extra nice.

REMEMBER this sale is from our window only, from 7-30 until 9 o'clock Saturday evening.

For
Boys

THE ACME CO., LTD.
Cor. Jasper Ave. and Second

For
Girls

"Will Be as Great a Country as Germany is Today."

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Q. It is the frost that is the danger?

A. That is what we call the white frost. This is always local.

Q. How far north of Edmonton is the point at which you got samples of wheat for the Centennial?

A. Edmonton is in latitude 53 53. It will be 5 degrees north of Edmonton. I obtained the sample of wheat at latitude 58. That will be 350 miles due north from Edmonton where I got wheat with five grains in the fascicle across the ear. I put the ears in bottles and sent them down to the Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876. They had never seen such wheat before.

Q. How many bushels to the acre do you think that would bring?

A. If a certain number of straws from Ontario would produce thirty bushels to the acre, that northern wheat with the same number of straws would produce fifty bushels.

Q. If that district were settled and cultivated, can you give us any estimate of the quantity of wheat that could be produced there?

A. No, I would not attempt to do that. BUT I WOULD SAY THIS, THAT THE DAY IS COMING IN WHICH THAT NORTH COUNTRY THAT WE CONSIDER OF NO VALUE WILL BE AS GREAT A COUNTRY AS GERMANY IS TO DAY. THAT IS THE COUNTRY THAT WE DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT AT PRESENT.

Early on Saturday morning fire broke out in the implement warehouse of Matchett and Hampton, at Sedgewick, and completely destroyed the building and contents. The fire spread to the dwelling of C. F. Arkinstall and the newly completed Massey-Harris warehouse and destroyed both buildings. Arkinstall's furniture store was saved by the citizens by means of hard work with buckets; the fire was confined to the above buildings.

EDMONTON OPERA HOUSE

Oct. 31, Nov. 1 & 2

The Historic Melodrama

DAMON AND PYTHIAS

IN FIVE ACTS BY THE

PYTHIAN DRAMATIC CLUB of Edmonton

CASTE OF CHARACTERS

DAMON . . . Mr. Jack Norcott
PYTHIAS . . . Mr. R. W. Lamberton
DIONYSIUS . . . Mr. G. M. Williamson
DAMOCLES . . . Mr. D. Mackay
PHILISTUS . . . Mr. G. W. Stevwright
PROCLUS . . . Mr. R. O. Jackson
LUCULLUS . . . Mr. D. R. Ware
CALANTHE . . . Miss Hazel Anderson
ARRIA . . . Miss Lillian Richardson
HERMION . . . Miss Kathleen Storie
CHILD . . . Miss Jack Winn

SENATORS

Messrs. J. J. Tull, W. D. Brady, P. S. Hook, S. J. McCoppen, H. C. Payzant, Wm. Storie, W. A. Leonard, E. O. Tucker, E. Cummings, J. Gillis, J. W. Ellis.

SOLDIERS

Messrs. W. J. Ellis, W. G. Walford, C. Lundberg, O. H. Maxwell.

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Stage Director

MR. J. T. RICHARDSON
Musical Director

MR. G. M. FREEZE
Business Manager

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Curtain rises 8-30 o'clock.

Plan now open at the Edmonton Drug Co., Jasper Avenue East (opposite Traders' Bank)

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Second Row—W. G. Walford, H. W. Lamberton, E. Fleeman, W. D. Bradley, D. Mackay, G. M. Williamson, G. W. Siewwright, H. C. Payzant, P. Hook,
O. Jackson, C. Lundberg.
Bottom Row—O. B. Maxwell, Jack Norcott, Kathleen Storey, Lillian Richardson, Master Jack Winn, Hazel Anderson, W. J. Ellis.
Front—D. R. Ware

CAST

Damon J. J. Norcott	Lucullus D. R. Ware
Pythias R. W. Lamberton	Calanthe Miss Hazel Anderson
Dionysus G. M. Williamson	Arvis Miss Lillie Richardson
Damocles D. Mackay	Hermion Miss Kathleen Storey
Philistus G. W. Siewwright	Child Master Jack Winn
Procles R. O. Jackson	

SENATORS

W. A. Leonard S. J. McCoppen
H. C. Payzant E. O. Tucker

GUARDS

E. C. Sheppard W. G. Walford
O. B. Maxwell W. J. Ellis

CITIZENS AND SERVANTS

It is customary for theatrical critics to adopt a different standard when they come to discuss amateur performances from that which they apply to the work of professionals. It is only fair and reasonable that they should. A man or woman who essays a part merely as a pastime can hardly be expected to make as much out of it as one who has undergone a long period of training for such a task and to whom acting is the serious occupation of life.

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The whole company did themselves credit and one at least of those to whom a role was allotted showed himself either a theatrical celebrity, who has been living quietly in our midst in disguise or a man for whom the stage should have a most distinguished career. The Saturday News believes its readers will vouch for it that it is not in the habit of using extravagant language, and it has no hesitation in saying that Mr. John Norcott, who took the part of Damon is a veritable dramatic find. It is understood that this was his first serious effort but his acting was not unworthy of comparison with that of Wilson Barrett or Robert Mantell, of the work of each of whom it reminds one very strongly. To Mr. Mantell Mr. Norcott bears a rather striking physical resemblance. In the scene in the Senate, when he first abuses the members of that body as traitors to Syracuse and then, finding that this avails nothing, pleads with them in the sacred name of liberty, he was nothing short of superb. In this as in other passages, no one but a born artist could have made such an appeal.

In no way should it detract from the praise that is due the other members of the company to say that the outstanding feature of

forth! There was no doubt that they suffered, but would it have been the part of wisdom to prohibit the use of threshing machines? In all such questions, statesmen have to take the long look and see the effect of changes apart from the abnormal conditions which they temporarily produce. But the difficulty of inducing the public to do so is the main obstacle in the path of all reform.

The answer which Mr. Roosevelt made to his critics in a speech at Washington the other day should go down in history: "There has been trouble," he said, "in the stock market, in the high financial world, during the past few months. The statement has frequently been made that the policies for which I stand, legislative and executive, are responsible for that trouble. 'Now, gentlemen, these policies of mine can be summed up in one brief sentence. They represent the

production was Mr. Norcott's work. But without the constant support that was given him, he could not have scored his triumph. Mr. Lamberton's was a spirited but not a ranting Pythias; Mr. Williamson, as the tyrant, Dionysius, had a part of no small difficulty, to which he did justice; while the gentlemen in the smaller roles each showed the results of careful and intelligent study of their work.

As to the ladies, Miss Hazel Anderson's Calanthe, and Miss Kathleen Storey's Hermion were played with grace and feeling, while Miss Richardson made the most of the minor part of Arvis. Master Jack Winn, as Damon's child, was a charming little figure and spoke his lines as if born to the stage.

For the smoothness with which the play progressed the warmest congratulations are due Mr. C. W. McInnis, the stage manager, who after long and arduous toil has brought the company to its present state of perfection. The special scenery was designed by Mr. W. A. Irwin and the electric effects by the Northwest Electric Company. Both served to add not a little to the striking character of the production.

The officers of the Pythian Dramatic Club, to whose initiative the

effort to punish successful dishonesty.

"I doubt if these policies have had any material effect in bringing about the present trouble, but if they have it will not alter in the slightest degree my determination that for the remaining sixteen months of my term these policies shall be persevered in unwaveringly."

It is impossible to cut out a cancer without making the patient feel for a few days rather sicker than he felt before.

It is in such men that the hope of democracy lies.

In the course of one of his letters to Mayor Griesbach on the street railway question, Mayor Mills of Strathcona spoke of the decision of the council of that city to submit the proposed franchise to the ratepayers. He had favored this course, he declared, "because the people are

people of Edmonton are under no small debt of gratitude are.

President. Robert Hoedley, G.C.; president, John A. McKay, vice president, J. R. Hume; secretary treasurer, Geo. M. Freeze; stage manager, C. W. MacInnis; executive, F. I. Moore, R. J. Gillis, E. B. Williams and G. Odgen.

All in all, the play was a most notable one and will serve as a delightful memory.

The writer has no hesitation in saying that it is by all odds the most creditable amateur production that he has ever had to write the press notice for. Usually the task is far from a pleasant one; in this case it is a genuine pleasure. On two grounds it is to be hoped that when the production is repeated on Friday and Saturday evenings, the hall will be crowded to the doors. The efforts of the members of the company, as fellow citizens, are worthy of support. In the second place when so much that is frothy and frivolous is presented on the stage, all who recognize the great uses to which the drama can be devoted should unite in showing their appreciation of a play, which is in keeping with the very best traditions of histrionic art, especially when it is presented by capable and painstaking organization such as the Pythian players have proved themselves to be.

always right." We don't often hear this doctrine of vox populi, vox dei, that used to find so much favor, stated so unreservedly nowadays. The reason we fear is that very few people share the old-time faith in democracy that the worthy mayor still adheres to. While we believe that there is no superior to the democratic form of government, it is hard to see how anyone can fail to note its imperfections. One cannot read the history of the past century or even look back into his own experience without realizing that the people are often wrong, very wrong. It is not difficult for the clever politician to play upon their prejudices and their other weaknesses. He may not do it more than once or twice, for in the face of results they soon recover their senses, but a short while after he has disappeared from the stage, another man of his character will repeat his performance. This is not written in any spirit of pessimism;

we do not see how it could have been otherwise. It is surely unreasonable to expect that the mere act of giving political power to a people should make them capable of exercising it to the best advantage. In all democracies a long period of political education has to be passed through before we realize the full benefits of the system and it is the part of every good citizen to use all his influence in aiding this process. The worst public enemy is the man of brains, who uses his talents for the promulgation of false ideas. Democracy needs good leadership and it is a matter for the most sincere congratulation when men with a due sense of their responsibility get to the top.

A spirited contest is in prospect for the Edmonton mayoralty. In response to a largely signed petition Mr. John A. McDougall has consented to be a candidate, while Ald. Picard, following an open letter, addressed to him, by Mayor Griesbach, urging him to stand, has announced his willingness to do so. Ex-ald. Thomas Bellamy, whom the present occupant of the post defeated a year ago has also come out with a letter supporting Ald. Picard. Both his nomination and second point out that his long experience at the council, covering a period of twelve years, should serve him in excellent stead as the head of the municipality. Both refer to the fact that the worthy alderman finds it somewhat difficult to express himself in the English language and state it as their belief that this should be no great disadvantage. But The Saturday News is convinced that this is a very serious objection to Ald. Picard's candidature. For him, both on the strength of his personality and on that of his record at the council, it has nothing but respect.

Nor does it share in any degree any feeling of race prejudice. The greatest living Canadian of the day is of the same ancestry as Ald. Picard and among the natives of the province of Quebec are to be found those who are filling the most useful places in our public life. But does anyone believe that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be the successful premier that he is if he had not perfect command of the English language? Or could Mr. Lemieux or Mr. Borden or Mr. Monk or Mr. Bergeron accomplish what they have without it? And their work is largely done under conditions, where for a considerable portion of the time they are speaking French. But how often could French be used in the transaction of official business in Edmonton? Even as an ordinary member of the council, Ald. Picard could have done much more effective work but for this impediment. In the mayor's chair it would be a much more serious matter.

Strathcona carried the bylaw granting a franchise to the Strathcona Radial Tramway Co. by a majority of over 500. The result is very regrettable for more than one reason. It complicates the situation in regard to interurban transportation facilities and will probably delay by several years the institution of a satisfactory service. Having parted with its franchise, we feel certain that the neighboring municipality will not long be free from the evils that others have suffered from at the hands of corporations controlling so valuable a privilege. But what The Saturday News deplors most of all is the unwillingness shown by the people across the river to co-operate with those of Edmonton in a matter in which they had common interests, which could be best served by their acting together.

The visit of the 100,000 Club of Calgary to Edmonton on Thanksgiving Day was a notable event. The day was spent quietly but not on that account less pleasantly or profitably. The relations of the two cities were never better and what the Calgary Albertan says in an article, reproduced in another part of this issue, is most significant. The idea (Continued on page 4)



THE LOUNGER

It is the lot of everyone who has undertaken to write for the public to have experiences such as supplies an English Weekly with the subject of these lines.

PEET OF CLAY.
(Mr. Hall Gaine complains of the misery of seeing someone, generally a woman, "take up and lay down" in the train a novel on which he has spent months of anxious work.)

How well I recollect her!
She was dainty, she was sweet.
With subtle charm, not easy to explain.
And I felt inclined to cast my
Beating heart beneath her feet.
The girl who read my novel in
the train.

I can still recall that moment.
With a smile that was divine,
And a look within her eye that
told of brain.
She drew out a shilling novel,
And I nearly yelled, "That's mine!"
When she started in to read it
in the train.

I watched her with intentness
As she glanced the pages through;
And my eagerness I barely could contain.
And I vowed "I'd write in future
With an eye to pleasing you!"
(I got very much excited in the train.)

But too soon my dreams she shattered;
And my ecstasies were o'er
With a sudden jerk which caused
exquisite pain:
For she heaved a little sigh,
And dropped my novel on the floor.
And went to sleep (confound
her!) in the train.

The eye of the world is on Ed-
monton all right. You remember early
last summer the effective plan
adopted by some facetious individuals
to call attention to the state of
the road at the corner of McDougall
and Jasper. Now read the following
despatch appearing in the London
Daily Mail.

Paris, Wednesday, Oct. 9.
An amusing scene was witnessed
this morning at eleven o'clock in the
Place de l'Opera, where the heavy
rain formed a series of small lakes
owing to the bad state of repair of
the roadway.

Three ducks were seen to be swim-
ming about in the puddles. The
birds' feet were attached to long
strings, the other ends of which were
held by three men standing on the
pavement. The ducks soon caused
so much hilarity among a crowd of
several thousand people that the
men and the birds were arrested.
At the police station the prisoners
turned out to be three reporters of
an evening newspaper.

"Goodness!" exclaimed the first
girl at the Masonic dance the other
night, "see how dishevelled Miss
Passy's hair is!"
"Yes," replied the other, "just as
if she could deceive anyone."

"Decieve any one?"
"Yes, she muscled it purposely
just to give the impression that some
one had been dancing with her."

"Why are you going to marry that
old fossil?" was the question asked
of a girl engaged to an Edmonton
man who had property close in.
"I love the very ground he walks
on."
"I know," was her companion's
rejoinder, "but isn't there any other
way of getting it?"

The preacher was offering his
felicitations to the newly-married
couple.

"Young man," he said, "you have
gained one of the fairest maidens
in the community; and you, young
lady, have won a stalwart partner,
whose good right arm will level
every obstacle that stands in the way
of your success in life."

"Left, Mr. Goodman, left,"
corrected the bride, with a proud look
at the sinewy athlete by her side.
"George is a south-paw, you know."

AN INDIFFERENTIST.
"He is the most indifferent man."
Said Bangs, "I ever knew,
How often I have heard him say
"I don't care if I do."

The people of Buffalo Lake district
are asking that the fractional quar-
ter sections known as the "Boss,"
with the adjoining school section
and Heart Island, be converted into
a Dominion park reservation.
George E. Ewing, manager of the
Eastern Townships bank at Coleman,
has been promoted to the manager-
ship of the Fernie branch to be
opened the first of the month.

The Investor

The Grand Trunk Pacific railway
company, through the harbor engineer
at Prince Rupert, has asked
contractors to tender for clearing a
portion of the townsite of Prince Lu-
pret, estimated at from 500 to 700
acres. No contract will be let for
less than 50 acres, and the land on
the "reserve" is not included in that
which is to be cleared. Contractors
are required to furnish everything,
the company furnishing only the
land on which the workers may eat
and sleep while at work. Each 50
acre block is to have a frontage of
800 feet to the harbor and extend
back at right angles with the water
front. From the north end of the
"reserve" to the sawmill of the B. C.
Tie and Timber company the
frontage is two miles, which if
cleared would make about twelve
fifty acre blocks. This would indi-
cate that the town for the present
is to build north from the G.T.P.
wharf, and not south, as was first
planned.

The Winnipeg Commercial says:
"It appears that there was consid-
erable unrest among some eastern
business men regarding the situation
in Central and Western Canada pre-
vious to this month. They could
hardly be blamed when such un-
founded rumors were being circulated
regarding crop shortage, crop ruin,
crop everything except good. Now,
however, the clouds are fast scat-
tering, and the threatening operations
in one of the finest October ever
seen, reveal the fact that this part
of Canada has a good average crop,
worth considerably more money than
in any previous year."

As The Commercial has already
said, land speculation has been cur-
rency for a long time. It is, how-
ever, the past season, and that will
leave more funds in the farmers' hands to
circulate in the general business of
the country. The payment of old
debts and the volume of cash busi-
ness this coming winter should be on
an even larger scale than in the
season of 1906-07. Last year, although
the crops were the largest in the
history of the country, it cannot be
denied that altogether too much of
the returns went into real estate and
other speculation.

IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD

The lacrosse team, calling itself
"The Canadians," which has been
touring Australia, has evidently
done the Dominion no good. In the
first place, it was not a representa-
tive Canadian team, in fact had not a
first class player in it. Playing
practice games through the west,
on their way to the coast, they were
beaten with ease. But the fact that
they decided to play in Australia
is to the quality of Canadian lac-
rosse is not the worst cause for
complaint. They not only couldn't
play, but they didn't play. They
didn't even try to win. The
Australian papers write in
condemning the aggregation. The
Sydney Bulletin says:

"They did nothing, but equal for
concessions from the less experienced
side, and their play on the field
earned the cordial dislike of every
body. Hardly any of the local men
are free from injuries inflicted delib-
erately by unfair methods."

"After the first quarter in the final
test at Adelaide, the Australians
saw red. For the last time they
stood the tripping and bashing, and
then they wanted in to retaliate.
After that the Canadians were an
indifferent second class player in
time-wasting and short passing save
the game. The contest was rougher
than any football match played in
South Africa, and there was blood
shed on both sides."

The Canadians can use their sticks
effectively as weapons of offence, but
in two instances where an Australian
broke down his crossbar, used his
fists they did not seem at home. At
present it would be difficult to raise
a five to send an Australian team to
Canada."

The Adelaide Advertiser has practi-
cally the same comment to make.
Lacrosse, as it is usually played,
doesn't usually make us very proud
of it as a national game. There is no
reason why it should be so. With
decent sporting instincts, it should
be a first rate game for both players
and spectators. But there is no use
shutting our eyes to the fact that
if it is to remain permanently popular
it must be played on a level playing
field. We are speaking now of the
game as a whole. But these so-
called representatives of the
Australia seem to have belonged to

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the very worst of those infesting the
sport.

We are to have an out-and-out
professional hockey team in Edmon-
ton this winter. It seems. Fred J.
Whitcroft, for three years Peter
borough's captain, last year with
Kenora, and one of the fastest for-
wards in the country, has already
arrived to act as player-manager.
The game had to come to it, we sup-
pose, and it is a great deal better to
have out-and-out professionalism
than the half-and-half variety. But
the amateur sportsman cannot help
regretting the move. Of all games,
hockey lends itself best to amateur-
ism. It is played for the most part
in the evenings, and so need only
take up a young fellow's leisure
time, with an occasional day off,
when he has to go far from home
for a match, which happens but very
seldom in Edmonton. However, hav-
ing decided on professionalism, it is
to be hoped the management will
see to it that the sport will be clean
as well as fast.

An interested crowd of spectators
witnessed Alberta College's annual
field sports on Friday of last week.
W. T. A. Middleie carried off the
championship with A. T. Low, a close
second, their scores being respectively
27 and 25.

Mr. A. G. Lucas, the well-known
Strathcona cricketer, has gone on a
trip to England.

Strathcona curlers have re-orga-
nized with the following officers:
Patrons, Lord Strathcona, H. E.
Bond (Toronto), and H. F. Sande-
man; Hon. president, Hon. A. M.
Bathurst; D. J. President, J. M.
Douglas; first vice president, Arthur
McLean; second vice president, J. B.
Miller; secretary treasurer, T. J.
Cuthbert; and committee, W. H.
Sheppard, W. G. Congdon and G. F.
Downes; club skips, W. H. Shep-
pard, J. B. Miller, J. M. Douglas, R.
B. Douglas, F. W. G. E. Downes,
A. J. McLean, Arthur McLean;
auditors, V. McElroy and J. M.
Kinneary; ice committee, W. G.
Congdon and W. H. McMahon. The
membership fee is the same as last
year, viz., \$10. The next meeting
will be held on November 15, when
the rink will be formed.

Collier's has the following: "Eng-
land grieves over the departed
glory of her athletes, but what is
her grief compared to the woe into
which a recent sporting event in our
island possessions has plunged the
American nation. A baseball team
from a Yankee warship landed in
Honolulu, and was defeated by a
Chinese club. Seven to six, the
score; figures of shame, totalling up
to the numerical emblem of disaster.
Patriotism seeks solace in consid-
ering the natural advantages of the
Oriental. Undoubtedly fielders
with a sleeve two yards in circum-
ference can, by spreading himself
out basket wide, minimize the chance
of missing a fly, while a mandarin
with a finger nail three feet long
possesses capabilities in the matter
of taking a lead off a base. More-
over, finding refuge in the national
creed, for such cases made and pro-
vided, we assert our conviction that
the umpire was unfair. But, after
all allowances the bitter fact re-
mains that nine pig-tailed Celestials
have defeated the United States
navy. How slight a trifle is the
Japanese 'crisis.' What a new
and sinister phase to yellow as-
sumes! Let Mr. Roosevelt moor his
westward-hoing fleet to a drydock,
and instead designate the winner of
the post graduate baseball series,
under the name of THE SASKATON,
HAWAII. After it is all over—a
satisfactory score—say 47—0—is
chalked up on the boards, the Ameri-
can eagle may again exult in its
head and essay to scream. Until
such time let us leave to darkness
and the mothball the mastery of the
Pacific."

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PERSONALIA

The Regina West states that Hon. Clifford Sifton is not likely to be a candidate in Brandon again and that it is probable he will contest Qu'Appelle against the sitting member, Mr. R. S. Lake.

The Battleford Herald announces that Mr. Honore Jaxone has been in that town, collecting material for publication. Mr. Jaxone will be remembered as a prominent figure in Rebellion days, as well as through his recent connection as a Hayward sympathizer.

A Calgary Albertan representative interviewed Mr. Justice Stuart Saturday afternoon regarding the report from Edmonton that he was likely to be the first chancellor of the University of Alberta. His lordship was asked if he could confirm the report, and he replied: "Certainly not, and I wish to add a word so as to prevent possible misapprehension. I know nothing of the matter except this, that while in Edmonton a week or so ago, I was approached by two or three graduates and asked if I would accept a nomination. I replied that I certainly could not, because the statute does not provide for a nomination of any kind. The graduates registering are left entirely free to vote for any one they please, a wise provision, I think, at the beginning. The legislature apparently assumed that any one elected by the graduates would not refuse to act. I suggested the names of other persons who, I thought, would command more public confidence, and there the matter dropped. That is all there is in it."

A Winnipeg despatch says that Mr. T. W. Taylor M. P. P. for Centre Winnipeg, who is well-known in Edmonton, is likely to be the Speaker of the new Manitoba Legislature.

Music and Drama.

The programmes given at the Edmonton Opera House on Saturday afternoon and evening, as well as the sacred concerts on Sunday, by the Klitties Band, were listened to by very large and appreciative audiences. The band more than upheld its fine reputation. There was the proper proportion of classical and popular music, and in both Mr. Cook's organization showed itself worthy of all the praise that has been given it. The Wagnerian numbers were particularly worthy of mention. Mr. Cad's euphonium solos were most enjoyable features while Mr. Fraser's dancing proved a first class diversion.

There was never a play produced on the American stage that is so favorably known, or that has enjoyed the popularity and been accorded the patronage by so large a percentage of the general public as the dramatization of Harriet Beecher Stowe's immortal story, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and it is said that no organization presenting this beautiful drama ever contained so much real merit in so many features as Stetson's Big Double "Uncle Tom's Cabin Company," which appears at the Edmonton Opera House on Nov. 5th and 6th, with matinee Wednesday. There is no question but that the audiences will be large during this engagement, as its wonderful success does not depend wholly on regular theatre-goers for patronage, but draws its clientele from all classes of society. Besides a large orchestra of skilled musicians and the special engagement for this tour of Johnson's original troupe of South Carolina Jubilee singers, recognized as the leading colored melodists of the world, the management has introduced many other novelties in this present season's production, surpassing anything heretofore attempted.

Look out for the street parade, the best in the world, Tuesday parade, 4.30 p.m.; Wednesday at 12 noon.

About Town.

That the Presbyterians of Edmonton will have a well equipped ladies' college in this city is altogether probable as a result of the consideration of the scheme at a recent special meeting of the presbytery which recommended that there is a rapidly growing need in the city for such an institution. As the city and district increase in population it is apparent that such a scheme was a very necessary one in the near future at the latest. The question now before the promoters is one of finances. At a special meeting of the presbytery in the First Presbyterian church, Rev. C. A. Myers occupied the chair. There were present Rev. Dr. McQueen, Edmonton; Rev. Mr. Ford, of Fort Saskatchewan; Rev. Mr. Fleming, Strathcona; Rev. Mr. Smith, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Norwood; Rev. Mr. Reile, clerk of the presbytery. Those present at the meeting favored the project and a committee was appointed consisting of the resident ministers of Edmonton and Strathcona and a number of laymen to further the project.

T. A. Oram, who was murdered recently near Stanford, Mont., was

Inspector Walker of "G" Division, R.N. W. M.P., Fort Saskatchewan, has been transferred to Prince Albert.

Mr. Gordon Butler, manager of the Merchants' Bank at Fort Saskatchewan, has received notice of his transfer, to what branch is not yet announced. His successor at the Fort is Mr. A. S. Maxwell of Lacombe.

Major Swinford, a prominent figure in Winnipeg military and business circles for many years, spent Sunday in Edmonton.

Dr. C. H. Stuart Wade left Edmonton this week for Mission Junction, B.C., where he will in future make his home.

At the most successful convention of the teachers of Northern Alberta held in Edmonton at the end of last week, the officers chosen were: President, R. S. Jenkins, M.A. Strathcona; vice president, Walter Scott, B.A. Edmonton; 2nd vice president, Mr. Rogers, Vegreville; 3rd vice president, Miss Morson, Wetaskiwin; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Dobson, Strathcona.

Mr. Jenkins, the new president, who is at the head of the school system of the city across the river, is in all respects worthy of the honor, which in this case astutely has sought the recipient. He is a sound educationist, a man of rare scholarship and culture and will do the profession all credit. The success which has attended the work of the association is due in no small measure to the untiring energy of the retiring president, Mr. McCrae, superintendent of the Edmonton schools.

A former resident of Edmonton, He conducted the DeOram cafe on First street for over a year leaving last spring.

At last week's meeting of the Strathcona council there was presented a writ of summons from J. R. Lavelle as solicitor for Messrs Deitz and Main, waterworks contractors. The statement of claim demands the payment of \$325.25 which plaintiffs assert is due them under their contract with the town for laying of water and sewer mains. The city disputes the claim and the council has instructed City Solicitor Jamieson to defend the action.

Advices from Quesnelles say that three men of the G.T.P. survey party were drowned by the upsetting of a dug-out canoe while attempting to shoot the Griseombe rapids in the Fraser river, October 4. The names of the victims are: Wm. Laesbey, Henry Cummings and Wm. Symington. Three others who were in the accident are safe.

At McDougall Methodist Church last Sabbath the Pastor Rev. Edson Marsdahl, announced that he would begin a series of special sermons on the next Sabbath evening. The following list of subjects and dates is given for future reference:

1. Nov. 3rd—A Runaway Preacher.
2. Nov. 10th—A Storm at Sea.
3. Nov. 17th—A Burial at Sea.
4. Nov. 24th—A Second Call.
5. Dec. 1st—A City on its Knees.
6. Dec. 8th—An Angry Frenchman.

The evening hour of worship, which has been 7.30 o'clock during the past summer will be continued at that hour throughout the winter.

Note and Comment

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of taking these short jaunts to different parts of the province, in order to become better acquainted with its resources and possibilities, is an excellent one and might well be imitated by similar organizations in other cities.

The preliminary hearing of the case against the Alberta Lumber Dealers' Association concluded on Wednesday afternoon, the defendant member, Mr. Clark, being committed for trial at the Supreme Court. The prosecution has been conducted with great vigor by the Attorney-General's department, and the public may depend on it that no effort will be spared to bring it to a successful conclusion.

The Dominion bye-elections in Ontario have resulted in the loss of one seat, London, to the government where Major Beattie defeated the Labor candidate by over 1000 majority. The Liberals did not nominate a man but promise to have Mr. Hyman in the field again at the general election. His health would not permit him to be a candidate now and it was felt to be unfair to him to put another in his place. However, the chances are that if it was thought possible to elect a Liberal at



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this particular time, one would have been in the field. The feature of the contest was the appearance of Mr. W. F. McLean M.P. on the platform on behalf of the Labor candidate.

In North Wellington, the Liberals held the seat while the Conservatives did the same in Northumberland.

One of the prettiest fights in Canadian political history is going on in Bellechasse, Quebec, the seat from which Mr. Turgeon resigned in order to vindicate himself before the electors in connection with the charges made against his administration of his department. Mr. Bourassa has resigned his seat in the Dominion House and taken up the gauntlet.

Hon. Mr. Turgeon, attorney-general of Saskatchewan, has been declared elected for Prince Albert by a majority slightly over 60. Further appeals are talked of and there are the usual charges of corruption being made.

The reply to Rev. Canon Welch's sermon on intemperance by a Toronto woman of long experience in the social life of that city reproduced in another column, will well repay reading. The improvement in the habits of the better-to-do classes, which she notes, is something which can be vouched for by scores of others who are in a position to know. As for those in other ranks of life, the remark of Colonel Lamb of the Salvation Army, should be of excellent service in the cause of Canadian immigration. Canada is a country which will do more for people than increase their chances of growing wealthy.

A branch of the Merchants Bank is being opened at Lethbridge.

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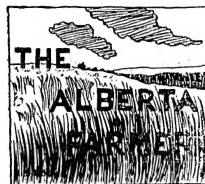
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2



The Saturday News is the official organ of the Alberta Farmers' Association, but the latter is only responsible for the views which are expressed in this department of the paper. While the publishers are thoroughly in sympathy with the objects of the A.F.A., it is manifestly unfair to ascribe opinions which are expressed in other parts of the paper, dealing for the most part with matters which have no direct connection with agriculture and which would reasonably be expected to give rise to controversy, either to the officers or to the members of the Association.

Agricultural Notes.

The parable of the wheat and the tares will retain its universal truth even after it is no longer necessary to let grain and weeds "grow together until the harvest." But in Wisconsin, it is credibly reported, the farmers spray their standing wheat, oats, and barley with a solution of iron sulphate that, while it does not injure the grains, does utterly destroy the eighty species of wild mustard, the yellow dock, the cockle weed, Spanish needles, Canada thistles, and daisies in their midst, at a cost for labor and material of about 75 cents an acre.

Turnips, which belong to the mustard family, are killed by the spray, but experiments at German and English agricultural stations, supplemented by those conducted this season on farms in Wisconsin and Minnesota by Prof. R. A. Moore of the Department of Agronomy in Wisconsin University, seem to show that cereals remain unharmed by a solution strong enough to destroy the weeds within sixteen hours of its application. Perennials such as the Canada thistle, which send up new shoots, require treatment each season until finally exterminated.

Weeds destroy 20 per cent of the crops of the country. Wisconsin University has already invented the formal-dehyde treatment for smut in grain. But if the iron sulphate spraying will rid farm lands of the staple weeds, this institution will have done the country great service.

—New York Sun.

The grain standards board, which met at Winnipeg last week came to some very important decisions. They made a new grade for wheat, to be known as No. 6. They also made a new barley grade, to be known as feed barley, which is to include all barley weighing 42 pounds or less per bushel.

The board presented a resolution of appreciation and satisfaction at the increasing confidence with which British and foreign importers regard the Manitoba inspection and the way in which it is administered by the present staff.

The board decided that if it is found they have no legal power to select commercial grades of oats, to ask that this power be given them, and that if they have the power to select such grades, they are to be called No. 1 and No. 2 feed oats. It was also decided to ask the Dominion Central Experimental farm at Ottawa to make a milling and baking test of samples.

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A meeting of the Vermilion Creamery Association was held in Macnab's hall last week. J. H. von Haast, provisional secretary, reported that the necessary amount on the subscribed stock had been paid up and the association was now regularly incorporated under the provincial ordinance.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting as follows: President, J. G. Arthur, vice president, E. D. Potvin, secretary, treasurer, E. Covey; directors, D. B. Winters, W. Hill, W. Sherwood, E. Maize, J. H. von Haast, H. B. Evans and E. D. Potvin.

Arrangements will be made for pushing the work on the building with all possible speed this fall, so that the creamery may be ready for operation as soon as spring opens.

Experiments which have been conducted at Cambridge have resulted in the creation of a variety of wheat which, it is said, will revolutionize farming throughout the world. The new product is the result of the application of the Mendelian laws which have heretofore only been applied to animals.

All the new varieties of wheat throughout the world were collected and grown together on a small scale. As was only to be expected, the majority absolutely refused to be acclimatized, but a few showed a disposition to be kinder. Eventually a few hopeful varieties were selected for such characteristics as resistance to the attacks of rust, good crop capacity, the milling quality, stiff straw, and such like, and were crossed with British wheats with the view of combining all these good qualities in one variety. Passing through various trials they were eventually submitted to the tests of milling and baking, with the most satisfactory results.

J. A. Turner, of Balbrayon Stock Farm, Calgary, says the Albertan has just returned from the New Westminster exhibition. He reports winning every prize competed for except one, with his magnificent Clydesdales and Hackney horses and sheep in strong competition, winning as well the championships for draught stallions with his great to year old colt, "Aeneas King," and champion draught mare with his well named Baron's Pride.

In light horses he won the championship with his very promising "Marking," "Kite," and "defeating the first prize winners at the industrial show.

The championships in light mares of any age or breed was awarded to his hackney filly "Rosemond," and Lady Jubilee in reserve. This ends a very successful show season for Mr. Turner and it speaks well for this province as the highest honors at Winnipeg, Regina, New Westminster and Calgary were all captured by horses imported and bred by Mr. Turner. He has won 56 first prizes, 28 seconds, 10 thirds and 18 championships as well as eight reserve championships at these shows.

Geo. Heathershaw of Magrath, had some phenomenal yields to tell of in his part of the country in the course of an interview with the "Herald." He says that he has "What will be the wheat, average taking the whole district," he was asked.

"Forty five bushels per acre," he replied.

"That is an enormous yield," was remarked.

"But there are no fields that beat that," Geo. A. Hacking threshed 35,000 worth of grain off 130 acres. H. C. Harrison threshed 65 bushels per acre. L. I. H. Hacking's crop ran over 60 bushels per acre in places, and his whole 458 acres averaged 55 bushels per acre. "I may have bought a farm last spring partially in grain at \$20 per acre and it has already paid for itself."

"How about the sugar beets?"

"They are good, too, and next week will see everyone into them."

EDMONTON MARKETS

On the local markets the receipts are very light, and prices are ruling higher for wheat and oats. Oats are selling on market square at 36 to 55c per bushel.

Elevator prices.
 No. 1 Northern wheat, 100c bus; No. 2, Nor. wheat 97c per bushel; No. 3, Nor. wheat, 95c per bushel; lower grades, 65c to 80c per bushel; No. 1 White Oats 40c. per bushel; No. 2 white oats, 35c per bushel; No. 3, white oats, 31c per bushel; Feed barley, 35c per bushel; malting barley, 45c per bushel; No. 1 N.W. Flax, \$1.15 per bushel.

—H.A.Y.

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POULTRY

Turkeys—Live, 16c to 18c per lb.; dressed, 18c to 20c per lb. Spring chickens—Live, 12 1/2c per lb. Old hens—Live, 10c per lb.; dressed, 12c per lb.

WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, March 31.

It has been another nervous and uncertain week in the wheat markets and they have been marked by sudden fluctuations in prices. Financial conditions are generally believed to be somewhat improved but the situation is still uncertain and they will have to continue steady for some time before the mercantile trade can feel confident that normal conditions have returned. In the meantime the general wheat situation in the world remains very strong and although there have been big fluctuations in prices during the week, these, at the time of writing, do not show much change from a week ago, except that wheat for immediate or early delivery shows some decline, while the latter deliveries show slight advance. Oats are a little lower, barley is unchanged, and flax is one cent lower. To-day's Winnipeg prices are: 1 Nor. 105 1/2; 2 Nor. 102 1/2; 3 Nor. 97 1/2; 4 Nor. 91 1/2; 5 Nor. 87 1/2; 6 Nor. 83 1/2; 7 Nor. 79 1/2; 8 Nor. 75 1/2; 9 Nor. 71 1/2; 10 Nor. 67 1/2; 11 Nor. 63 1/2; 12 Nor. 59 1/2; 13 Nor. 55 1/2; 14 Nor. 51 1/2; 15 Nor. 47 1/2; 16 Nor. 43 1/2; 17 Nor. 39 1/2; 18 Nor. 35 1/2; 19 Nor. 31 1/2; 20 Nor. 27 1/2; 21 Nor. 23 1/2; 22 Nor. 19 1/2; 23 Nor. 15 1/2; 24 Nor. 11 1/2; 25 Nor. 7 1/2; 26 Nor. 3 1/2; 27 Nor. 0 1/2; 28 Nor. 0 1/2; 29 Nor. 0 1/2; 30 Nor. 0 1/2; 31 Nor. 0 1/2.

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Stanley and Jackson's ad. will interest the ladies this week. Don't forget these new made-to-your-order suits, ladies, at W. Morrill and Co. only \$20 while the present plan and fancy suitings last. See their announcement elsewhere.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company have this day deposited in the Edmonton Land Titles Office for the District of North Alberta, plan, profile and book of reference showing the location of their railway through the said District of North Alberta, and the lands required for their right of way therein.

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Rev. Canon Welch, rector of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, in the course of a recent sermon, was reported to have made the following statement:

"There is a great amount of excessive drinking among women, which never reaches a point of positive intoxication, but it is hardly less deadly. Is there a man here who does not know someone who is tottering, as it were, on the brink of a precipice?"

A lady of extended experience in the social life of the city was asked by the Globe as to the truth of the remark quoted and her reply was of no exceptional interest that it is well worth reproducing in full. She wrote:

"In reading the sermon preached by Rev. Canon Welch some thirty days ago on the occasion of the visit of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, it appeared to one who for three generations at least has seen much of Toronto and its society that the anathema laid upon such vigor was hardly deserved. To anyone who knows the old life of this or any other large town comes the remembrance that every gentleman's house then had its wine cellar as a matter of course. I have in my possession a letter written by my grandfather, who wonders if the 'vine of Madeira, coming from England, should not go twice round the Cape before landing in Canada.'"

In those days of big dinner parties from twenty to thirty men would consume dozens of bottles of wine, remaining at the table until the ladies wearied themselves with platitudes in the drawing room. That was looked on as an ordinary thing. Now it would not be tolerated.

Not so long ago as the days of one's grandparents both beer and wine—generally two kinds—were common drunk twice a day at meals, a cask of ale being always kept on hand, and that in the homes of the most temperate citizens; but a fine Wedgewood beer jug, with silver top, in daily use for half a century, has been a side-board ornament for 50 years.

Then—mothers nursing children (all honor to them) were invariably ordered porter or stout to strengthen them for their duties; now—who thinks of such a thing on the part of either doctor, patient or nurse?

At children's parties what was given as the beverage at supper? Port wine, negus, hot and spiced. Now children never see anything but lemonade, and for one party in the old days there are at least ten during the holidays. The ordinary tonic given to young girls was port wine, often mixed in arrowroot, or soaked with "bark"; that is almost an unaltered thing now.

New Year's Day, not to speak of any other day, was marked in homes by tables set with wine (always port) and sherry in huge decanters, unlike those pretty, artistic ones of the present, and liquors, which were always pressed on the dozens of visitors who began their rounds before 12 o'clock.

Now wine is rarely, if ever, seen on any reception day, official or otherwise; hot tea and coffee being invariably given. At entertainments, where the most formal suppers are the rule, wine or spirits are never seen on the table, tiny tumblers of claret cups, occasionally lightest champagne cups, (with lemonade often taken in preference) are given.

In society now-a-days ladies' luncheons are a very favorite form of entertainment. If one looks round a gathering of perhaps sixteen to twenty half the glasses might be empty, to no one's astonishment. In former days such a thing might be considered ill-bred. The wine consumed at a society dinner table now might fairly be compared to nil to that of forty or fifty years ago. Contrast the glasses of to-day with the "no heel-taps" of or ancestors, with their cut glasses for stems so that they must be drained before replenishing such as were seen on Toronto dinner tables in the last century.

At the many clubs of men and women wine may be drunk, of course. A short time ago I watched a small party with some curiosity. Four people had one bottle of champagne, with mineral water; nearly the same thing, with another in proportion, and this not once or twice, but many times. "Bridge parties" are spoken of with horror as conducive to the terrible increase of drinking. I imagine no one who follows the game and plays it frequently could possibly indulge to excess, as in a short time there would be no partners. Bridge is much too seriously taken to be thus trifled with, and the refreshment offered afterwards is almost invariably of the lightest description, with tea and coffee.

At "afternoon teas," to which our women of fashion go to an average of perhaps ten a week during the season of gaiety, what does one see on the pretty tables as the general rule? Tea and coffee at either end, presided over by two friends of the hostess. Perhaps one out of twenty may have lemonade and claret cup, in addition, and as a "tea" usually over within the hour and a half, one fails to see that the dissipation can be great.

Of course, as in the case of all large and growing cities, there must be sad exceptions; that would be so under any circumstances, but it seems incredible in face of what one sees and knows that among the educated fashionable or more widely known classes of society drinking is on the increase. During many seasons of attending dances, dinners, luncheons, teas, etc., the instances of a man or woman seen drunk could be counted on one hand. The same is true of the much-abused race courses either here or in Hamilton. The vastly increased immigration from all countries, and the lack of decent homes for the laborers' families, might account for the increase of convictions for drunkenness in that class, and in many cases one cannot wonder at the failures there. But, again, what does one read of Colonel Lamb's experience in bringing out emigrants by the thousand and tens of thousands through the Salvation Army, one of the greatest organizations for temperance known in any country. "The morals of the people," he says, "improve when they come to Canada. It is the fashion to work here, and it is the fashion to drink water."

One deleterious habit amongst the younger men who "go out on campus," cigarette smoking, especially at parties and balls, where the fashion obtains for a man to leave his partner at the end of one dance and return to claim one for another reeking of the tobacco he had been indulging in. Some hostesses actually have to provide a smoking room for the dancing men, other wise the cloak rooms are in bad case the next day. If not allowed this luxury by some hosts, the gentlemen may be found sitting on the marble-topped radiators, in the porches enjoying their smoke. But, as has been heard many a time and oft, "It is the girls' own fault. If they don't object to a partner who comes direct from his smoke to the dance. What does it matter?" It should matter in the simple rules of respect and civility to women by men, and self-respect and dignity on the part of the women.

A Declaration of War.

Under the head of "A Declaration of War" the Toronto Weekly Sun says:

"The attempt to satisfy has simply increased the appetite. The men who asked in 1879 for moderate protection, for a limited period, are to-day using the power coming from riches created by protection against foreign competitors to demand more than was dreamed of 30 years ago. They declare through Mr. Gurney that Yankee goods must be wholly kept out, and through the voice of their President that the tariff against Great Britain itself shall be high enough to wholly secure the Canadian market for the Canadian manufacturers in every article which can be manufactured in Canada. It is no longer moderate protection for a limited time that is demanded; it is complete prohibition of foreign and British competition for all time. What would follow the granting of the demands made? In the year ending June 30, 1906, we imported \$27,000,000 worth of woolen and cotton goods from Great Britain, and other countries. All these things could have been made in this country. But prohibit outside competition by means of a tariff wall and combinations at home will exact even higher prices for these articles than are exacted under a tariff which affords protection ranging from 20 to nearly 50 per cent. Prohibition of imports would have a like effect in the case of agricultural implements, boots and shoes, and all other articles of every day use. Farmers who are obliged to sell at prices fixed by world wide competition would be limited in buying to goods

offered at any price local combines might choose to demand.

It is well, perhaps, the issue has been so frankly and clearly stated. It is well, too, that the power of those who have made the issue should be realized. Manufacturers boast that their organization is the greatest interest in Canada to-day, that their output exceeds the output of all the farms of the Dominion, and that they should not go into it in any Minister, but that their demands should be presented as by a sovereign power with the strength to compel compliance. The reason formed by the late revision has been broken by those who had most reason to be satisfied with that revision. Henceforth it must be a war that will not end until Customs taxation is reduced to a level merely sufficient to provide Government with the revenue necessary to meet the demands of a public service honestly administered. In order to attain this end farmers must organize their strength. It is no struggling infant but a grown man strong at their expense that has thrown down the gauntlet of battle.

Sunny Alberta.

At the convention of Seventh Day Adventists held last week in Leduc there was a large attendance, delegates being present from British Columbia and California.

The Western Oil and Gas Company has given a franchise to bore for natural gas at Pincher Creek.

A young Conservative Club has been organized at Pincher Creek with the following officers: Hon. President, John Herron, M.P.; President, Mr. Sturtevant; Vice President, D. Thomson; Secretary, H. Ambrose; Committee, Messrs Gillespie, Olmstead, Hiscocks, Freebairn, Hamahan, J. B. Thompson, and Harwood.

A petition is being circulated among the farmers of Lethbridge asking the C.P.R. to build from that city north to Calgary or Chendler.

The first prosecution in Canada to be instituted under the Lemieux Act will come up before the magistrates at Frank this week. The employees of the Hillcrest Coal and Coke Co., are prosecuting the company, and have engaged W. C. Ives of Lethbridge as their attorney. A short while ago the department of labor appointed a board of conciliation and investigation to look into and settle the dispute about the men and the company. On Oct. 11, while this board was sitting, a lock out occurred, the company suddenly closing down the mine, which the men claim constitutes a breach of the Lemieux Act and is illegal. There are, in the neighborhood of one hundred men employed in the Hillcrest mine.

Albert Malcolm at the court held before Justice Beck at Red Deer last week, was given two years in the penitentiary for picking a fight on the C. and E. track near Innisfail.

On the basis of a recent church census, it is estimated that Red Deer has a population of from 1800 to 2000.

The first sod for the Wetaskiwin court house was turned on Tuesday last week. The building will be of brick and stone and the cost is to be \$80,000.

A Voters' League has been formed in Vegreville, with an extensive municipal programme. Mr. M. A. Worth presided over the organization meeting.

Says the Vegreville Observer: "In boring for coal on the F. L. Harris property west of the town, Glen Dennis struck a seam of coal 3 feet thick at a depth of 130 feet. Developments will be awaited with interest."

Frank R. Wilson, formerly of the Dominion Lands Office of Macleod, who was convicted of accepting money to hold a homestead entry for a settler and was given two years for this breach of the law, has been pardoned, having served a little over a year of his time.

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A Romance in the World of Letters.

In the street the early dusk was falling. Next door a few stragglers lurched about the entrance of the little theatre, and still further on the meat store and the electric light above the entrance to the run-down cafe, simultaneously broke into light. It was nearing the hour of the afternoon mail delivery.

And if the pavements were animated with people intent on purchasing for the morrow the post office was crowded with others still more eagerly bent on getting their letters from home, their papers with news of the outside world, and the thin little envelopes with their requests for immediate payment which so very, very few find time to pay heed to. Behind the little barricade of boxes, feet passed to and fro unceasingly. "Mr. John Rodgk, box—0—0," droned on the voice that had tantalized the jinglers of the box keys for the past half hour.

"Where on earth do you find 8187?" interrupted another business-like tone. "I declare they're always changing things round." But at length affairs apparently quieted down, the mail was sorted and trooping out, happy or dejected, as letters may or may not have arrived, box holders and general deliverers at length deserted, leaving the big frame building guardian of the unclaimed letters that incidents of one kind or another left still in its keeping.

Gradually there crept on that strange sense of stagnation peculiar, as it would seem, to the late twilight hour, a stillness eloquent less of any sustained quiet than of the calm that creeps over the household when the family gathered round the supper table, intent on satisfying healthy normal appetites. The very boxes in the many-boxed long room seemed conscious of it, the stoutly-creamed contents of the big law firm lazily contemplating its one solitary occupant around the corner in a calm indifference not usual to its ordinary thirst for news and interesting cases. Objects in shadowed corners, that might have been anything but somehow took on the appearance of penes of English newspapers, local dailies, and small parcels mixed promisee-like, appeared to brood upon the dimly-lit street scene with an aspect of stony reflection. The shadows cast by the flickering electric bulbs were fraught with vague meanings and the hissing lights themselves had a doubly pensive and melancholy cast which they conveyed to all they fell upon.

Slowly the supper hour drifted by without anything but a little, vague crackle, crackle to disturb its leaden dullness.

Presently one of the most pressing done remarked to a legal-looking document that the air was getting rather too warm for even its state of health, and turned on its side with a distinct gasp. In other compartments still others complained of the stifling atmosphere, a bulging, fat communication starting: "Dearest, dearest, dearest, dearest and best!" distinctly between groups being heard to remark that it bent all what a donkey a man could make of himself when he imagined himself in love with a dreamy-eyed peroxide blonde.

But he was interrupted at this stage by a perfect babel of little voices, drowned in the shriller screams of yellow journals, financial reports, and lying boost literature all of whom were singing a "swan song" of protest and love and hate and despair as little scorching flames commenced to lick up through the floor, moistening the mulligan on "strictly personal" letters and letting loose a very Pandora's box of secrets closely guarded for years. From behind a huge safe in the corner skipped out a long lost communication, wailing that the fortune it might have made had the nun received it when it was sent—the time Strathcona was undergoing a bit of a boom, was now doubly lost.

And if the noise on the main floor was now a bedlam, down stairs where lay so many dead hopes, long-forgotten aspirations, and vows of never-ending love and affection, promises of fortune, and filial devotion; all there you had a very purgatory of baffled ghosts.

Up, up, up, mounted flame on flame, the floor above began to give way, and bottles of ink to fall through and blot out the scrawls of mothers, tradesmen and lovers, to

be in turn obliterated by the fierce fire that now completely enveloped the building. From next door came a steady sizz, sizz, sizzling, as legs of lamb and quarters of beef and little plump sausages added their fat to the general fire.

Oh but now there was a merry din as the fire engines dashed up and the hose began to play about the flames; to be followed by the inevitable crowd out for a lark. See over there the Mayor dramatically throwing off his coat to mount the ladder to rescue the household gods of the people above stairs. See the fine fellow who insists on taking his place and who later makes a grandstand play by hurling the choicest Limoges to the crowd below, while he carefully, tenderly steps down with the pillows.

But it made a merry blaze I can tell you; a fine spectacle! But water after all is water, and enough of it will quench fire and so even the fiend that rent the post office had eventually to yield to its cool embraces, and gradually smother itself in clouds of smoke.

By this time the light had completely waned and faces began to show more wanly in the deepening shadows, an all-pervading melancholy finally settled on the scene, while the sound of a distant tinkling bell only saddened the gloom. The spectacle was over and the people began to hurry precipitately to home or club.

Slowly, very slowly, the soft light of the moon increased, and filtering downwards through the huge gaps in the roof, fell upon the blackened features of many faces and rustic scenes that, but an hour or so since, had formed the "show" stock-in-trade of the photo gallery first floor front.

In among the debris were the mutilated remains of many communications, but all the old moon read before he retired for the night were such scraps as these:

"Berrie can stand at the back if we are at all crowded. He is quite one of ourselves already, and I have no compunction in asking him to do all kinds of little things like this. If only he could get some permanent and lucrative employment, we should be so happy. At present he is agent for a new kind of comb— fountain pen and office ruler—"

Thank you for your invitation, but I don't like to come this summer, on the date of July the 23rd. I am willing to have strawberry flavored jelly after everything else."

"Sir, I am surprised at your impertinence if I did give a large 'at home' and at the same time owed you the bill you mention, I can hardly see how you can be said to have given the party."

Dear Dash—After giving your letter the utmost attention I have come to the conclusion that it would perhaps be better not to proceed in my request that you should honor our meeting by presiding over it. I am certain that you are inevitably bound to differ here and there and—"

"The news is that mother is going to give another No. 1 dinner party. We are to have three smart waitresses instead of poor old Anne, who breathes down your back, and two special entrees. We are only asking the smartest people, none of the Smithsons and Parksons, and that common bunch; we killed them off at a 'tea,' the slowest ever, last week—it's to be given for Mrs. whom mother loathes—but considers the correct thing, and I know everyone hates her but coos 'isn't she perfectly charming' whenever they think she'll hear."

But meekly the scraps were disjointed, and the signatures invariably missing, otherwise—some of us might have heard by accident what our dearest friends think of us.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon The pageant of the world goes by For you, for you, I pause and can't A Stander-by!

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, according to the Calgary Albertan Mrs. Reginald Stewart held her last nuptial reception at her mother's home, Mrs. Jamieson's, on Twelfth Avenue. At the entrance to the drawing-room Mrs. Stewart received with her mother, Mrs. Louisa and Mrs. Breckenridge. Among those assisting were Miss Walsh, Miss Blow, Miss Stewart, Miss Lily Stuart, and others.

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Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh have returned to Edmonton from their honeymoon trip and are for the present staying at the King Edward.

The Winnipeg Telegram says: "A quite but pretty wedding took place in Christ Church, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, October 16th, when Audrey, eldest daughter of W. Ireland Parlett, of this city was united in marriage to Canby Urson Reece, manager of the Union Bank, Cowley, Alta. The bride looked charming in a handsome travelling dress of pheasant brown broadcloth trimmed with silk braid, the smart cutaway coat opening over a cream lace blouse. A becoming hat to match of French felt, trimmed with velvet foliage in autumn tints. Mink furs completed the costume. The bride was given away by her father, only immediate relatives being present. The service was conducted by Rev. S. G. Chambers, B.A., of Christ church. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to the C.P.R. depot and left on the 11.50 train for the west."

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. H. Benson have reached Wetaskiwin after their honeymoon trip.

Mrs. McGibbon and Mrs. Genereau were the hostesses at a most enjoyable dance at the Barracks in Lethbridge recently.

Pincher Creek will hold its first ball of the season on Nov. 22nd.

Miss Weatherald will receive in future on the second Saturday of the month.

Friday's dance was a notable one on many scores. The floor was exceptionally good, the music played with rather more verve than is generally the case—but oh! for just one new air! while in point of numbers and as far as lovely frocks are concerned, nothing anywhere nearly approaching it has been seen since the Inaugural Ball of brilliant memory. Early in the evening it seemed an impossible task to single out gowns and faces. The huge hall seeming one billowy wave of color merged into another, gradually however people and frocks assumed an individuality, and as the eyes became accustomed to the general brilliancy of the striking miss on scene, congenial groups formed their own little sets and thus became capable of identification. Notable in even the large crowd, I saw Mrs. Pardee beautifully frocked in cream lace; Mrs. Cross in a lovely French creation of white chiffon satin and pearl and diamond garniture; Mrs. Short, exceedingly smart in a pale blue toilette; Mrs. Biggar, in pale blue empire frock, as always the perfection of daintiness; Mrs. Woods remarkably handsome in a black sequined gown; Mrs. Harrow very pretty and petite in black and white organdie with black velvet girl'd'e and touches of the same on the décolleté; Mrs. York in a handsome black lace over mauve taffeta; Miss Whitney exceedingly sweet and graceful in white crepe de chine, and exquisite baby Irish lace; Miss Spratt charming in rich black with jet garniture and pink roses; Mrs. Stewart in pretty gown of blue with dainty ceru lace trimming; Mrs. Anderson in the loveliest, pink satin gown with quantities of exquisite lace and French embroidery, a pailletted plume in her coiffure; Miss Mary Gray also in pink, an undoubted belle; Mrs. Boucher, very handsome in rich black velvet with lovely lace berthe, her daughter, Miss Gladys, remarkably striking and graceful in black net; Mrs. Bowers in white satin, piped with black, and pretty lace on the décolleté; Mrs. Frank Sommerville in pink, with a handsome silver sequined scarf; Mrs. Mays a dainty figure in black net; Miss Marjorie Brown in a fetching gown of white striped satin with trimmings of baby Irish lace, one of the prettiest girls; Mrs. Joseph Morris wearing a handsome frock of pale pink chiffon, with Rose Point garniture, very much admired; Mrs. Nightingale, whose claims to beauty no one ever questions, superbly frocked in dotted cream net and lace; Miss Sowden in white, with pretty touches of Dresden silk; Mrs. Graydon in cream, an interested spectator; Mrs. Campbell in a sweet gown of Limerick lace; Mrs. Macdonnell tall and slender in white; Miss Gooderham in the lovely pink broadened frock she wore at her hostess's dance, having a royal good time and no lack of attention; Mrs. Turnbull in cream voile, her hair beautifully coiffed; Mrs. Saunders in gray, with silver sequined over dress; Mrs. John McIntosh, the latest bride, very sweet and attractive in white; Miss Eleanor Taylor in a soft gown of white point d'esprit which just set off her striking type of face perfectly; Miss Vivian Sommerville in black; Miss Abby in a pretty girlish frock of white dotted Swiss inset with hand embroidery; Miss Dorothy in yellow sprigged organdie with a high yellow girle; Miss Stuart in ceru voile over pink taffeta; Miss Pilot handsomely frocked in black; and a host of others too numerous to mention.

Mrs. Manuel entertained at a delightful young peoples' party on Wednesday night, and added to her already wide popularity among the not outs.

Mrs. Pardee will be the hostess at the golf tea on Saturday. As I think of it Mrs. Jellett won the lady's pin

on Wednesday, and Dr. Corbett and Mrs. Nightingale the mixed foursome on Thanksgiving day.

There was a very smart turnout of women and frocks at Mrs. J. J. Anderson's post-nuptial reception on Tuesday afternoon, the steady stream of callers keeping the bright young bride more than busy replying to their greetings.

The charming bijou residence with its quantities of lovely bric a brac, its cheery open fire and decorations of tall yellow mums, made a striking setting for its mistress, who looked very sweet and attractive in her beautiful robe de noce of point d'Alencon over exquisite chiffon satin, made Empire fashion, the Marie Antoniette fichu being ornamented with silver sequins and tiny chiffon rosettes.

Mrs. Hissop assisted her sister in receiving, looking prettily animated in mauve silk muslin; Mrs. Almon smartly frocked in brown and tan patterned tea, while Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, Miss Mary Gray, and Miss Eleanor Taylor assisted.

Those who have come to know the finest kind of a way to put in a holiday spent Thursday at the links, enjoying some keen sport, and the added attraction of witnessing the get-away and end of the paper chase. A large number of guests were present also from Calgary, having come down with the 100,000 club, a really smart lot of looking women, and very fit men folk, who enthused over our Edmonton attractions and were particularly struck with the very swagger riding aggregation, who had a great day's run of it. To hear the call of the huntsman's horn and see the mad gallop as the hares struck off, was a fine spectacle, while the Boy's Brigade who were out skirmishing added no small quota to the general interest. The usual tea was served and enjoyed by an unusually large number.

As the forms are all ready to go to press I have only time for a word in regard to the production of "Damon and Pythias." That word is don't, as you love a good thing, miss it. From first to last the entire production is a delight—a very wonder of amateur acting, while only to mention the work of the two principals, with that of Hermion and Calanthe, is to indulge in superlatives. Is it unkind to single out Damon and say that one expects very great things of him in the future, so great that in the days to come among the names most lauded and honored in Edmonton, I have no doubt you will find that of J. J. Norcott, her actor son.

Mrs. Arthur W. Wheeler will receive on Friday, November 8th at 432 Jasper Avenue West.

Thursday being Thanksgiving and a holiday, and the present week having been a particularly busy one in a change in the arrangements, more than mention the multitude of items small and big that have made the past few days a perfect feast to the eye and to the mind.

To begin with then the paper chase I announced as taking place on Thursday didn't come off, owing to a change in the arrangements, until Saturday, when thirty-eight riders had a glorious gallop of it, over the hills and far away, finishing up at the golf links, looking very fit and swagger, just in time for tea. Quicker enough more ladies than men rode, though this week it is expected things will be more evenly divided. Of course the hares, Mr. Harbottle and Mr. de Pass, exhibited all the trickiness of their namesakes, got off and away and were never for one moment in danger of the bounds, but the run's the thing, and from all accounts everyone is keen on the sport.

This week there will be two chases (so I am informed), one on Thursday and another Saturday, the Thanksgiving one finishing again at the links, where the riders add quite picturesque touch to the surroundings.

Thursday evening (necessarily I write early in the week) a party to the number of thirty odd, of Mr. and Mrs. Calderon's friends, have planned to give them a Surprise Halloween party, when, as soon as the saying, where youth and pleasure meet a very jolly time may more than reasonably be expected.

On Friday Mrs. Cross wife of the Attorney-General, is to be the hostess of a young people's dance which, her own popularity and the accommodation her handsome new residence affords, makes it a foregone conclusion will be one of the premier events of the season.

Mrs. R. de L. Harwood will receive in future at her new residence, the corner of 14th street and Victoria Ave, the first and second Wednesdays of the month.

I see that Mr. Vernon Barford's pupils will give their first piano recital in All Saints' school room on Wednesday, Oct. 30th, commencing at a quarter past eight.

Miss Marjorie Brown was the hostess of the Golf tea on Wednesday when a large number patronized the links afterwards enjoying a pleasant social hour.

Mrs. Bower Campbell will receive

on Friday afternoon, at her new residence, 295 Hardisty Ave.

Mrs. McMurrich of Toronto is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Biggar, and will remain in Edmonton some little time. Miss Whitney, who has made for herself such a wide circle of friends during her visit in town, leaves for Toronto in the early part of the week, to return, at no very distant date, as a permanent resident.

The Wetaskiwin Times makes this announcement: "On or before November 1st, H. Nickerson, of the firm of Bradley and Nickerson, the real estate hustlers of this city, will leave for Judyville, Indiana, U.S.A. to bring back Judy Patch, the fastest daughter of the world's champion pacer, Dan Patch 1:55. Consideration \$2,500.00. Mr. Nickerson will go via Minneapolis and Chicago and will attend the yearly horse sale at Chicago and Indianapolis, Indiana, which occurs Nov. 11th to 26th. He will also try to interest some land seekers for the Wetaskiwin district.

H. E. Daniel, late town clerk, was elected Mayor of Fort Saskatchewan by acclamation on the first of the month by the balance of ex-Mayor McAvoy's unexpired term. For the aldermanic vacancy, G. O. Baetz defeated W. G. Shera by 56 to 55. The latter has intimated that he will take proceedings to show that Mr. Baetz did not possess the necessary qualification at the time of his election.

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The Orthodox Greek Church at Westock was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

As it is his intention to return to his farm in Clover Bar shortly, Ald. Thomas Daly will resign his seat at the Edmonton council board. He was elected last December for a two year term.

In a quarrel south of Ranfurly, I. J. Hollar shot Richard Harper on Monday and fears are entertained for the latter's recovery. Hollar has given himself up.

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